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- 1. A personal care apparatus (1) having a main part (2) and a head part (3), wherein the main part (2) is designed to be held in one hand and has a region (5) adjacent the head part (3), wherein the head part (3) is connected to the main part (2) in the said region (5) of the main part (2) that is adjacent the head part (3) and is pivotable relative to the main part (2) about an axis of pivot (26), wherein a personal care tool (47) is provided on the head part (3), wherein loading means (55) acting between the main part (2) and the head part (3) are provided, wherein the head part (3) is pivotable by means of the loading means (55) in synchronization with varying displacing forces that act on the head part (3) in the course of a personal care process, and wherein the head part (3) can be positioned by means of the loading means (55) in a defined rest position relative to the main part (2) when there are no displacing forces present.
 - 2. A personal care apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the loading means (55) are formed by spring means (55).
 - 3. A personal care apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 2, wherein the loading means (55) are formed by a spring (55) of a U-shaped configuration that is connected to the main part (3) in the region of its cross-member (56) and that co-operates with at least one positioning extension (59) connected to the main part (2) in the region of each of its two sides (57, 58).
 - 4. A personal care apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the personal care apparatus (1) is formed by a hair-trimmer (1), and wherein the personal care tool (47) is formed by a toothed cutting mechanism (47) that has at least one drivable toothed blade.
 - 5. A personal care apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 4, wherein a motor is provided to drive the drivable toothed blade, and wherein the motor is accommodated in the head part (3).

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6. A personal care apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 4, wherein the main part (2), when held in one hand, projects from the hand in a direction of projection (6), and wherein the axis of pivot (26) extends substantially parallel to the direction of projection (6).